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**Rochester City Schools to Receive Over \$566,000 in Federal Grants**

**Washington, DC** - Rep. Louise M. Slaughter (D-Fairport), Ranking Member of the House Rules Committee, is pleased to announce that the Rochester City School District will receive a total of \$566,564 for two programs promoting literacy and arts education.

**"These grants will improve the quality of the education our children receive in Rochester City schools,"** Rep. Slaughter said. **"By developing our children's literacy skills at an early age and integrating art into their day-to-day activities, we will be providing them with a richer and more rewarding education."**

**SUMMARY OF APPROVED FUNDING:**

- **\$299,502 for Rochester City School District - School Library System.**

This grant will support Rochester's 'Resilience Through Reading' program, which aims to improve literacy skills and academic achievement in six district elementary schools. The money will be used to provide new print materials to each school library, and new technology to the libraries' media centers. In addition, professional development will be offered to library staff.

- **\$267,062 for Rochester City School District's Arts Impact Study**

This grant will target arts education in 20 Rochester elementary schools through the 'Arts Impact Study.' In addition to delivering high-quality conventional arts education, the program will seek to integrate art into core subjects in the classroom by recommending units of study and training teachers.

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